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FM AMCONSUL NAHA

TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1967

USFJ YOKOTA AB

USAGO MACHINATO

MARCORB CAMP FOSTER

COMPLEACTS OKINAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: OIL PIPELINE LEAK

REF: NAHA 18 DTG 130825Z JAN.

1. US ARMY INFORMATION NOW INDICATES THAT ONLY 200 GALLONS OF OIL
LEAKED IN THE PIPELINE SPILL WHICH OCCURRED JAN 13, OF WHICH ONLY

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40 GALLONS COULD HAVE FLOWED INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE 14,000
GALLON FIGURE WAS THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT THAT COULD HAVE DRAINED
INTO THE STREAM IF THE ARMY HAD NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE
ACTION.

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENT, WHILE LENGTHY AND CRITICAL, WAS
RELEGATED TO THE SECOND NEWS PAGE. THE REPORTS ALLEGE THAT
DESPITE U.S. EFFORTS TO BLOCK THE LEAKAGE "A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY
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OF OIL IS ASSUME TO FLOWED INTO THE SEA." FISHERMEN REPORTEDLY

EXPRESSED INDIGNATION, THE MAYOR EXPRESSED CONCERN, AND THE PREFECTURAL LIAISON DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD REQUEST COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PIPELINE.

3. COMMENT: THE ARMY'S QUICK AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ACTION IN CONTAINING THIS SPILL HAS APPARENTLY PARTIALLY DEFUSED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A BIG FLAP. FORTUNATELY ALSO, THE PRESS WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER STORIES, ESPECIALLY SOVIET FOR. MIN. GROMYKO'S VISIT TO TOKYO. THUS FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED NO CALLS FROM PROTEST GROUPS. SYLVESTER

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